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Permit No. 2006-1014
Gardner Intermodal Facility
Gardner, Kansas

Mr. Joshua Marx
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
700 Federal Building
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Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Marx,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is responding to your public notice requesting comments on the proposed project to construct the Gardner Intermodal Facility including associated track and roadway improvements.

The FHWA is concerned about the safety and congestion aspects of this proposed project. The volume of trains on the mainline are estimated to be 110 trains per day (year 2025) at speeds of 55 to 70 mph. The volume of vehicles traveling Waverly Road is estimated to be between 10,000 and 11,000 vehicles per day (year 2030). The additional volumes will create an increase in conflicts between trains and motor vehicles and result in traffic queuing/delay waiting for trains to cross. It is our opinion that a grade separation is needed at the rail-highway intersection of Waverly Road and the Existing North Mainline/Proposed New Mainline.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. John Knowles at 785-271-2448 extension 211. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely yours,

J. Michael Bowen, P.E.
Division Administrator

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